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OF THIS MESSAGE.

LONDON, May 3.

Some cheers were raised at the conclusion of a statement by Chicherin, given in a tone of moderation, detailing objections to certain resolutions. But he said he would advise his government to carry out the decisions of the conference within the limits of its power. He chiefly objected to some work the conference had delegated to the League of Nations which Russia had not recognised.

Rathenau said the trade of the world must be doubled before it would be possible even to pay interest on the war debts. This was impossible while the nations were lying at one another's throats. At the Finance Commission's nineteen recommendations were finally adopted. Sir Lloyd George, submitting the report of the transport commission, said if the principle recommended relating to free transit by sea and land and the re-establishment of international trade were carried out they would be well on the way to the restoration of pre-war efficiency. The transport commission would meet in Paris shortly in order to put into operation the necessary technical measures. That meeting would doubtless result in the establishment of a standing committee of railway managers which would co-ordinate and execute the policy. The commission invited the League of Nations to assist in putting these resolutions into operation.

Genoa, May 3.

M. Skiniat, the chief Polish delegate, replying to M. Chicherin, said 2674 points that Poland are doing their utmost to promote success of the discussion of Russia's reconstruction and regret that Russia have not been able to fulfil its obligations under the Riga treaty in the conclusion of the Riga treaty.

M. Skiniat, the Polish Foreign Minister, does not intend to intervene in the relations of Poland with other states. He declares that Poland's participation in the conference on Russian affairs is not connected with the treaty of Riga and denies that the latter bound Poland to assist in securing a general solution of the Russian question, pointing out that the signature of the Riga treaty was not intended to express the opinion that Russia would be advantageous to the reconstruction of Europe.

Paris, May 3.

In spite of M. Barthou's statement, a semi official message shows that M. Poincare is still not yielding in the subject of a meeting of the Supreme Council which he considers would at present be inopportune and ought to be deferred until after May 31. He also considers it likely at present to discuss questions in the event of Germany defaulting payment of reparations on May 31.

Genoa, May 3.

Replying to a letter from Signor Scavini, President of Commission No. 1, drawing attention to Soviet military operations in Georgia, M. Chicherin denies that there have been such operations and urges the powers to pay attention to the military operations of Japan in the Far Eastern Republic which he alleges have enabled the formation of revolutionary bands. Although the hands have been dispersed Japan is still maintaining military occupation.

Genoa, May 3.

Much surprise was occasioned at the prolonged sitting yesterday evening of the sub-commission dealing with the draft of the allied memorandum to the Russians when, with all difficulties believed to have been surmounted, M. Barthou at the last moment withheld approval pending M. Barthou's instructions from Paris.

Mr. Lloyd George expressed surprise because M. Barthou had not said anything about the matter when conversing with him before leaving.

M. Barthou explained that instructions had only just arrived.

The commission resumed its sittings later. It passed the re-drafted articles except the seventh, to which the French moved an amendment which Mr. Lloyd George opposed made the difference between settlement and unsentiment. Nevertheless he was willing to accept the amendment provided the document was not further delayed.

M. Barthou apologetically explained that he was unable to act without authority from Paris.

Mr. Lloyd George then upon accepted the amendment and suggested the French reserve final approval.

Genoa, May 3.

The Russian reply to the memorandum is not expected for several days. M. Chicherin has protested against the exclusion of the Russians from the economic commission's labour committee.

Paris, May 3.

M. Barthou returns to Genoa on Friday.

Genoa, May 3.

After Signor Facta had referred optimistically to the progress of the conference, the transport commission report was passed and the session closed.

FRANCE SUPPORTS BELGIUM.

Paris, May 3.

The Cabinet has decided that France will support Belgium. The press criticises the British attitude in connection with the debate on reparations regarding the restitution of foreigners' houses as property.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 3/6 9/16.
To-day's opening rate 2/6 9/16.

HOME ENGINEERING DISPUTE.

COURT OF ENQUIRY OPENS.

LONDON, May 3.

The engineering employers to day opened the works to men willing individually to accept terms. There was a very small response.

On the other hand many who had been employed throughout the dispute struck. All the works are heavily picketed.

LONDON, May 3.

Sir William Mackenzie, opening the court of enquiry into the engineering dispute, endorsed at the outset the employers' contention that the men's proposal to suspend lockout notices during the enquiry, also the employers' action in opening the works to individual men was irrelevant.

Sir Allan Smith, on behalf of the employers, repudiated the allegation that they were aiming to smash the trade unions and intimated that he did not intend to call evidence.

Mr. Brownlie opened the case for the men. He emphasised that the unions did not desire to interfere with the rights of the management if they act in accordance with agreement.

ITALY AND AUSTRIA.

ECONOMIC AGREEMENT DENIED.

LONDON, May 3.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Austen Chamberlain said that Italy had informed the government on April 24 she had concluded an agreement with the Constantinople Government whereby the latter undertook to examine favourably Italian applications for certain railway, mine, and public works concessions in Asia Minor, but Italy had given formal assurances that the agreement contained no concession of undertakings on her part and declined to communicate the text as soon as possible. The British Government was informed at the time of the Paris conference that the Turkish Government had made certain proposals to Italy and advised the latter to proceed very cautiously, but was not aware that an agreement was about to be concluded and was not informed with regard to subsequent negotiations.

Rome, May 4.

It is authoritatively declared that Italy has concluded no treaty, agreement or convention with the Austrian Government.

ARMY RIFLES.

ALLIES TRICKED.

Berlin, May 3.

The inter-allied authorities were recently tricked over the destruction of 1,773 supposed German rifles. They had witnessed a bonfire apparently of the rifles, but subsequently they discovered that they had been looking on burning English and Russian firearms merely covered with a layer of German while 2,000 German rifles were stacked in an adjacent railway track.

INDIA QUITTING.

MILITARY VIEWPOINT.

Soula, May 3.

Judged from the military standpoint, the internal situation is quieting. Numbers of troops employed during the winter in assisting the civil authorities have been withdrawn. Troubles in Malabar have almost ceased and the rising of Bhils at Sihoti, Qdaipur, and Danta is being successfully dealt with.

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LONDON, May 3.

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SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE.

KING OF SIAM'S GIFT.

LONDON, May 2.

The King of Siam as an ardent admirer of the poet has sent through the Siamese Minister a hundred guineas to the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, and fifty guineas to the Memorial Theatre Fund at Stratford-on-Avon.

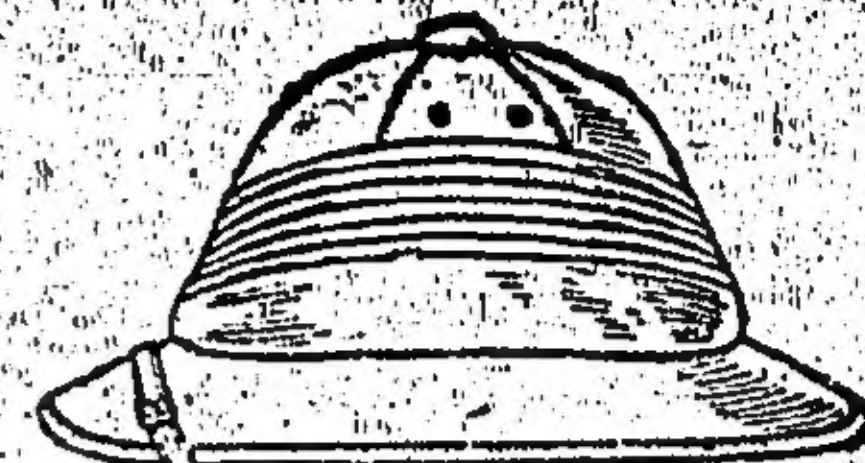
CAILLAUX.

PARIS, May 3.

Former Premier Caillaux was recently elected chairman of the agricultural committee of the Senate, but the President annulled the election.

M. Caillaux applied to the Council of State which ruled that the agricultural committee are public bodies and M. Caillaux is precluded from holding public office.

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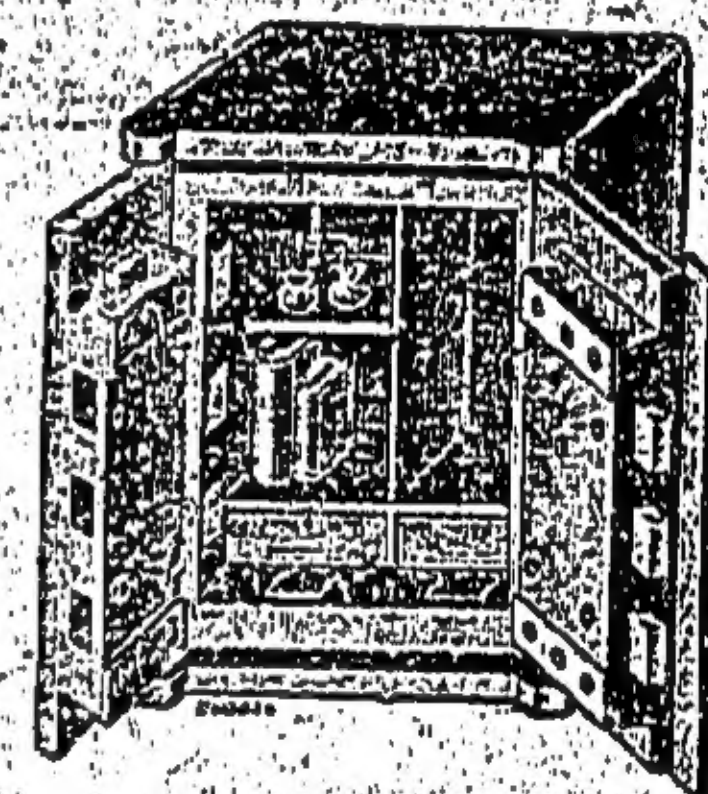
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As the population of Hong Kong increases, any arrest in the rate of increase of population should not alarm anyone. The sympathy and honour publicly expressed by the Health Minister for those who have made the plunge at a disadvantageous time does not balance the withdrawal of subsidies, and it is scarcely does not compensate for the Red Tape obstacles put in the way of "some who would have gone on without them. More Municipalities would probably have been carried on successfully if the Ministry of Health, unable to keep its promises, had been content not to meddle. It is probable even that the subsidies had never been promised; the Municipalities and Urban Councils would have done better, because they would have had a greater incentive to watch economy of construction. Also, as we noticed some months ago, the co-operative building by Quicks was largely thwarted by the building trade interests, to whom too much official tenderness was shown. Even as it is, community building is going on; and though the shortage is still conspicuous and much remarked, it is not what it was when demobilization began. Hampstead now has a big "garden town" built on the co-partnership principle, with individual funds pooled and administered by an association; practically the same idea as the Kowloon Long scheme, except that unfortunately here the individual funds do not seem to have been forthcoming for the small pool necessary to make a start. In this way at home about ten thousand model dwellings are reported to have been erected, which contrast very favourably with the dreary rows put up by the Government.

HOUSING

The War stopped house-building for five years at home. Hence a very serious shortage, apparent also in other countries. There are people who argue that it is not for governments to provide houses. They can make out a case. There is no room for debate in the proposition that, when such a shortage exists, a Government should encourage house-building, or at the very least not discourage it, nor make it harder for private enterprise, municipal enterprise, or Guild enterprise. Having made promises and set its hand to the task of reducing the shortage, the Home Government has backed out. It is no use to reproach them for that. It may even be unfair, for it seems that they really could not afford to go on. They deserve censure for not admitting it, and for pretending that things are not in such a bad way. Some people maintain that with honest economies, particularly in foreign policy, they could have afforded to do more. The Ministry of Health has taken the trouble to deny that a marked decrease in the number of marriages is due to housing shortage. That makes the critics of the Government's policy seem a little more reasonable. It would have been more able to say that a report of fewer marriages is nothing to lament. With co-operative builders.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Quarantine has been imposed by Bangkok against arrivals from Hong Kong owing to plague here.

Mrs. A. G. M. Fletcher distributes the prizes for St. Mary's School on Thursday, May 11, at 6 p.m.

First pictures of Princess Mary's wedding are included in the Coronet Theatre's current programme.

Owing to the death of Mr. Lau Chu-pak, the Hong Kong University Medical Society dinner has been postponed from to-morrow night until June 1.

Suffering from injuries received through being knocked down by motor car No. 52 opposite the Kowloon Theatre, an elderly Chinese was yesterday afternoon admitted to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

As a token of sorrow at the death of the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, the Chamber of Commerce flag was half-masted yesterday and the People's Savings Corporation, of which the deceased was President, closed for the rest of the day.

A blacksmith, knocked down and run over by a heavily laden earth truck on the new reclamation at Matukok, yesterday afternoon, received injuries to his left forearm and both legs. He was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—Mr. K. M. Fetterly, Assistant Agent of the China Mail s.s. Co., to Miss E. M. McGrath, en route from San Francisco by the s.s. "Nanking." Mr. A. E. Osmund, of Canton, to Miss G. S. de Pinna, of Hongkong.

Mr. Oxberry, the popular proprietor of the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, advertises a dance at his establishment on Saturday night (May 6) commencing at 8 p.m. The Jazz Band of the s.s. "Korea Maru" will play at the hotel from 7.30 p.m. and during the dance.

Beginning with the first Sunday of May (the 7th inst.) the order of Masses at the Catholic Cathedral on Sundays and Holydays of obligation will be changed as follows:—First Mass at 8.40 a.m.; second Mass with sermon in Chinese at 7.40 a.m.; third Mass with sermon in Portuguese at 8.30 a.m.; and last Mass with sermon in English at 10.15 a.m.

Mr. A. R. Lowe, who has served before in the Legislative Council, has been nominated by Mr. A. G. Stephenson, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and Mr. C. Montague Edge, Manager of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., for the election of a member to represent the justice of the peace on the Council during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

The Hongkong Garrison cricket team sailed for Shanghai to-day by the "Empress of Japan." It includes Major H. G. Beagall, Capt. P. H. Davies, Capt. G. de Fleming, Lt. S. I. Graham, Lt. Col. M. G. Greer, Capt. C. O. Oliver, Rev. C. Purcell, and Major H. L. Wright. Five Naval men are to be picked up in Shanghai, whether they went with the Fleet en route to Weihaiwei.

Dr. Fenton, of the Hong Kong University, charged a Chinese before Magistrate Liddell this morning with the unlawful possession of 11 revolvers and 500 rounds of ammunition. He said that late last night, a sampan came alongside his boat, and transferring some cargo to it, gave instruction for it to be taken to Mongkok, where another boat would meet it and take delivery. On the voyage to Mongkok the boat was stopped and searched and the contents found. Sentence of six months was passed.

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WAGES DISPUTES.

TALLY CLERKS' TROUBLE SETTLED.

Another local wages dispute has been settled, thanks to the good offices of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax. Early in April the tally clerks presented demands for increased pay. Eventually they appointed two delegates with full authority to negotiate on their behalf, An Cheuk Ming and Lam Wing Nin. The Hon. Mr. E. R. D. Parr and Mr. G. M. Dodwell represented the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Chau In Ting and Mr. Ip Lau Tsun the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. This morning the Secretary for Chinese Affairs informed a *China Mail* reporter that the dispute had been settled on the following terms:

(1) 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with two hours off for meals shall count as one day.
6 p.m. to 12 midnight with one hour off for meals shall count as one day.
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(2) Employment for any fraction of a day shall be paid for as for a full day.

(3) The rates agreed upon are:—
Head tally clerks: \$3.10 per day.
Tally clerks: \$2.35 per day.
And these rates are to apply as from April 1, 1932.

(4) No payment in addition to these rates shall be made for meals. Tally clerks are at liberty to provide their own meal; but a charge of 25 cents per meal shall be made if meals are provided by the employer.

"These rates shall apply to direct engagement of tally clerks. Commission payable to stevedores in the event of engagement through them for the employer."

The Tally Clerks' Association guarantees that a proper standard of efficiency shall be maintained where direct engagement is effected through its agency.

Negotiations are now proceeding with regard to the carpenters, sawyers, and labourers' wages. Hopes of early settlement are entertained.

VISION OF HADES. STRIKING CORONET FILM INCIDENT.

What has an allegorical vision of Hades or a vivid dream of an Indian slave market to do with the toughest young life of a pretty boarding school girl? In real life, happily nothing in the clever fiction which comes to the Coronet Theatre this evening is a very great deal.

Suddenly precipitated from her college life into the hellish galaxy of a hotel and a gambling racket, the heroine of "A Banded Woman" finds herself in the thick of the terrible drama which follows. Just when hope is lowest, however, fate intervenes to save her. Gradually she regains her way back into reality, and then one day the marriage she has dreamed of is consummated. The film is a masterpiece of the production of the Coronet Theatre, and the masterly work of the producer, five dramatic episodes, to every incident and to the minutest detail of the whole story.

In addition to other interesting scenes, there are remarkable allegorical glimpses of Hades and the Indian slave market. "A Banded Woman" is a First National picture.

HONGKONG FITTER ELECTROCUTED.

A DANGEROUS JOB.

A fitter employed by the Electric Company was electrocuted yesterday afternoon. He was engaged in painting a cable in North Point Powerhouse when he accidentally put his foot on another cable. This caused a short circuit, and the man received a severe shock which killed him. He was rushed off to the French Hospital where he was pronounced extinct. The body was then taken to the mortuary.

ARMED ROBBERY NEAR FRENCH HOSPITAL.

A Chinese woman was returning to her home in Shaukeiwan Road about 8.30 last night when she was accosted by three men near the French Hospital. One of the men produced a dagger and the other two held her by the arms while the third searched her pockets. The woman was then released and the three men fled.

HONGKONG SHIPBUILDING.

LARGE OIL CARRIER LAUNCHED.

THIS AFTERNOON'S CEREMONY.

The single screw vessel "Pleiodon" built and craned by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., as their works in Kowloon for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., London, was launched this afternoon.

This steamer is the fourth oil tanker carrying petroleum in bulk to be built in China, and is the last of four vessels now under construction for this Company.

The principal dimensions are as follows:—
Length overall: 427 feet.
Breadth extreme: 53 feet 5 inches.
Depth moulded: 31 feet.
Load draft: 22 feet 9 inches.
Deadweight carrying capacity: 8,400 tons.

The vessels have a straight stem, and elliptical stern, with long poop, together with a short bridge and foremast. They have been built on the fibreglass longitudinal system of framing, to pass Lloyd's 100 A.I. Class. The machinery is at the stern. Accommodation for the Navigating officers is provided in houses on the bridge deck, and the engineers on the poop, each with a separate room. The saloon and engineers' mess room are artistically fitted out. The petty officers, firemen, seamen and greasers' quarters are situated in the forecabin, and their three mess rooms are in the poop near the "eggino" casing. Both a European and a native galley are supplied.

The "Pleiodon" is subdivided by transverse and longitudinal bulkheads, stiffened longitudinally, into 18 main oil tanks and 10 summer tanks. The pump room is situated amidships between No. 4 and No. 5 tanks.

A dry cargo hold is fitted forward under which is a deep tank for either oil fuel or water ballast. Cross bulkheads and side bulkheads are constructed so that they can be used for either coal or oil fuel. A double bottom is fitted under boilers for oil fuel and under engines for reserve feed water, and both forward and after pumps are arranged for water ballast for trimming purposes.

The fresh water is contained in a built-in tank in the lower 'tween decks.

The machinery consists of a main drive shaft expansion engine having cylinders 22 inches, 44 inches and 73 inches, with a stroke of 43 inches. Steam is supplied by three Scotch boilers of the marine type having a working pressure of 160 lb. per square inch. The boilers are arranged in a row to be able to burn either oil or coal as fuel, with a Zoller Smith System and a Hotchkiss System of forced draught. The main auxiliaries include a 100 h.p. electric generator, distiller, and oil fuel pump are fitted in engine and boiler rooms.

The vessels are capable of maintaining a speed of 11 knots in the loaded condition.

The cargo oil is handled by two large horizontal duplex oil pumps. Dayward type pumps are so arranged that they will pump from the cargo into any oil compartment, and from any oil compartment into any other oil compartment, on opposite sides, also pump from any oil compartment, and deliver simultaneously over each side of vessel oil through main sea valve. A special oil fuel pump is in forehold for transferring oil fuel in deep tank forward to the cross bunker oil.

The pumps are equipped with winches, apparatus, powerful steam winches, whistles for handling cargo, and warping purposes, and steam steering gear, with telecontrol, steam together with steam heating in accommodation, and electric light.

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SHANGHAI RACES.

SPRING MEETING.

THIRD DAY'S RESULTS.

Mr. Morris' Maresfield (Burkill up) won the Champions' (one mile and a quarter) in 1min. 29 1/5 secs. Mr. Campos' Old Bill (Springfield) was second, and Mr. Day's Shenkland (Dallas) third. The Hawk, a hot favourite, badly disappointed his backers. The winning sweepstakes numbers are:—

1st 21,251

2nd 39,895

3rd 20,414

The names of the lucky holders, and the amounts won are not yet known.

THE GREAT NORTHERN PLATE.—Seven furlongs.
Mr. William McBain's Nationalist (Mr. Knoll) 1
Mr. Henry Morris's Pennyfield (Mr. Heard) 2
Mr. Liddell's Bayercol (Mr. Liddell) 3

Time: 1min. 47 1/5 secs.

THE RUBICON PLATE.—One mile and a quarter.
Messrs. Winsome's and Hastings' The Peregrine (Mr. Hill) 1
Mr. G. D. Coutts' Aintree (Mr. Burkill) 2
Mrs. Isabel Muller's Earnlight (Mr. Muller) 3

Time: 2mins. 40 3/5 secs.

THE "PARI MUTUEL" STAKES.—One mile and a half.
Mr. Nugget's Thomas a Becket (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Belinda's Tynede (Mr. Brand) 2
Mr. J. C. Bauld's Lusterlo (Mr. Bauld) 3

Time: 3mins. 10 secs.

THE RACING STAKES.—One mile and a quarter.
Mr. Cope's Crowborough (Mr. Springfield) 1
Mr. Robson's Harbin (Mr. Brand) 2
Mrs. Isabel Muller's Earnlight (Mr. Muller) 3

Time: 2mins. 59 3/5 secs.

THE AMOR CUP.—One mile.
Mr. Allan's Indians (Mr. Knoll) 1
Mr. Risk's Assurance (Mr. Harper) 2
Mrs. John Liddell's Huggins (Mr. Liddell) 3

Time: 2mins. 57 2/5 secs.

THE CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES.—On mile and a quarter.
Mr. Henry Morris's Maresfield (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Campos' Old Bill (Mr. Springfield) 2
Mr. Day's Shenkland (Mr. Dallas) 3

Time: 1min. 29 1/5 secs.

THE SWAROV CUP.—Nine furlongs.
Mr. Hellenio's Adams (Mr. Dallas) 1
Mr. Cro's Roman Pride (Mr. Muller) 2
Messrs. Winsome's and Hastings' The Robin (Mr. Hill) 3

Time: 2mins. 29 secs.

THE YAKOWSKY CUP.—One mile.
Mr. William McBain's Full House (Mr. Brand) 1
Mr. John Johnston's Blazing Corn (Mr. Burkill) 2
Mr. Jerome's Seasplains (Mr. Harper) 3

Time: 2mins. 4 2/5 secs.

THE FORTYFOUR CUP.—One mile and a quarter.
Mr. Cro's Standlight (Mr. Muller) 1
Sir Paul's White Star Dahlia (Mr. Burkill) 2
Mr. Slogger's Kempton (Mr. Heard) 3

Time: 2mins. 40 4/5 secs.

THE NANKING CUP.—Three quarters of a mile.
Mr. Day's Commonwealth (Mr. Dallas) 1
Mr. Henry Morris's Sealfield (Mr. Muller) 2
Mr. Hellenio's Jason (Mr. White) 3

Time: 1min. 29 1/5 secs.

THE NEWCASTLE CUP.—Three quarters of a mile.
Messrs. Stephen's and Stitta's Grey Bowler (Mr. Brand) 1
Mr. Wing's Beehive (Mr. Wingrove) 2
Mr. Teeg's Zenda (Mr. Strap) 3

Time: 1min. 32 secs.

ARMED ROBBERS.

WOODYARD OFFICE TWICE VISITED.

While a Chinese seaman was visiting a friend in a woodyard last night six or seven men, two armed with revolvers and a third with a dagger, entered and demanded money. The manager called out "robbers" whereupon the man with the dagger stabbed him in the head. All four robbers then ran away. They returned at 1.30 a.m., however, and tried to break into the accountant's office. Some of the foks sleeping inside gave alarm.

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CHIEF JUSTICE'S PROTEST.

Although he had already closed his case for the claimant in the Penang millionaire will suit which has been proceeding in the Hongkong Supreme Court since December, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton yesterday sought to introduce evidence in the shape of photographs of a register of burials kept at the Mount Erskine Cemetery, Penang. It had only just been possible to get this he said, and it was needed to rebut evidence called for the trustees of the estate. It would tend to disprove the trustees contention that the real son of the testator was buried at Mount Erskine and that the plaintiff was another Tichborne claimant.

The Chief Justice said that this would entitle the other side to call any amount of evidence to meet Mr. Brutton's point. It was entirely starting an additional case and he was not going to have it. "This case," continued the Chief Justice, with some heat, "ought never to have been brought in the Court; it ought never to have been tried in Hongkong, and I am going to say so, later on. All our time has been given for months and months, trying a Penang case. It may be all right for the lawyers but it is not to the advantage of the Court or of the administration of justice in Hongkong. I hope to be able to take steps to see that a repetition of this does not happen."

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The Chief Justice said that Mr. Brutton's contention that the evidence should be admitted because it had come out in the case would apply to any action. If that were allowed an action could never come to an end. He must therefore refuse the application.

BEAUMONT'S AFFAIRS.**LOCAL POLICE COURT
PROCEEDINGS.****RUSS' AND EXCHANGE.**

As briefly reported in yesterday's *China Mail* the hearing in yesterday's afternoon of the case in which Ellis Ackroyd Beaumont is charged with having left the Colony in September 1920 with intent to defraud or delay bankruptcy proceedings brought against him in the Supreme Court.

Mr. G. N. Orme, Official Receiver, prosecuted. Beaumont was represented by Mr. C.A.S. Russ, Messrs. G.G.N. Tinson and Leo d'Almada were present in court to watch the interests of interested parties.

The first witness called was Mr. Antonio Jeanillo, a book-keeper employed by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. He said that in August 1920 he was book-keeper to Messrs. E. A. Beaumont and Co. He made out four receipts for payments into the defendant's private account between August 26 and 30, 1920. The defendant signed the receipts. One of the receipts referred to a cheque for \$3,687. (produced), drawn in favour of the defendant.

Mr. Henrique Armando Castro, managing partner of Messrs. H. A. Castro and Co., was the next witness called. He said that from July 1918 to September 1920, he was export manager to Messrs. E. A. Beaumont and Co. Defendant was in sole charge of the business during that time. Witness had no interest in the firm being engaged on a salary and on commission. The firm had a branch office in San Francisco. The business was that of general merchants, but the firm dealt mostly in rice, transacting considerable business in that line with the Government in 1919. In October 1919 Mr. Beaumont left the Colony and was thereafter abroad until March 1920. It was in April and May of that year, when witness was on sick leave in Shanghai, that he first learned that the firm was in difficulties, from a letter sent by Mr. Hamer, the Import Manager.

Returning immediately to the Colony, witness found that the firm's difficulties arose chiefly over some rice business which the firm was transacting for the Government, and also over the effect of the fall of exchange, on some exchange sale contract. In reply to his cable Mr. Beaumont wired from Paris that he was returning at once. At his request defendant returned via San Francisco, arriving by the "Shinyo Maru" on August 24. After a thorough examination of the firm's books with witness, defendant said he would take all responsibility and try to raise funds in Hongkong. Failing in his endeavour to obtain help in Hongkong, Mr. Beaumont left the Colony, leaving a message with witness that Shanghai was his destination and asking him to do his best for him with his creditors. Towards the end of September two or three letters and a postcard were received from Mr. Beaumont making general enquiries, but containing no proposal to settle the firm's difficulties. On September 15, the bailiff visited the firm with a petition and closed the premises.

Mr. Castro said that defendant did not give him his address in Shanghai; he wrote to defendant either post restant, or through friends.

Examined by Mr. Russ, the witness said he was an expert in rice. In 1918 the firm made small profits, but in 1919 the December balance sheet showed a profit of \$220,000 and the turnover nearly \$6,000,000. In October 1919, a branch was opened in San Francisco, to which office Mr. Beaumont had remitted from time to time money amounting to nearly

\$40,000. When Mr. Beaumont left the Colony on October 24, the firm was perfectly solvent and flourishing. Mr. Beaumont left full power of attorney with him. On the advice of the San Francisco branch, the firm bought rice to the value of about \$400,000. Mex. and insured it for \$420,000. While witness was away in Shanghai the price of rice fell from \$15 to \$6 a picul, due to the embargo by the Cuban Government on the importation of rice. The firm were left with the rice on their hands and only managed to dispose of it at a loss of about \$200,000. In consequence the firm had to pay compensation to the Bank on their exchange contracts. This disaster was not due to the fault of the defendant, who, in addition to the loss of practically every penny he had in the Bank, had incurred debts. After defendant's return, the firm was in such a position that if a good sum of money could have been raised it could have been maintained. Mr. Beaumont tried in vain to get financial assistance in Hongkong; and, as it was imperative to get the funds, he went to Shanghai, where he said he had some influential friends, leaving the same power of attorney to witness. A meeting of the creditors was held at which witness was present. Witness did not remember receiving any letters or demand from the creditors. No writs were issued and no suggestion of bankruptcy proceedings was made.

Mr. Russ:—Do you consider Mr. Beaumont left the Colony to avoid service of any petition or other process in bankruptcy?—No.

Mr. Orme: There were none to avoid so he cannot be charged with that.

Mr. Russ explained that he was taking the witness through the words of the Section. "The petition could have been served on you as the defendant's attorney in Hongkong?" he asked the witness and the reply was in the affirmative.

Do you consider that he left to avoid examination of his affairs?—No.

As these transactions took place while he was away, you were the only person who knew what happened?—Yes.

He knew no more than the Official Receiver could have found out from the books?—That is so.

Do you consider Mr. Beaumont left the Colony to delay any proceedings in bankruptcy?—No.

At the time he left had either he or you the smallest idea of bankruptcy proceedings being brought?—No idea. It was quite a bombshell when they were brought?—Yes.

Who was acting as Official Receiver at that time?—Mr. Melbourne.

He asked you where Mr. Beaumont was?—Yes: I told him, Shanghai.

In reply to the Magistrate, the witness said his words to Mr. Melbourne were "I believe, in Shanghai."

Mr. Russ: Did you ever write to Mr. Beaumont to say it was necessary for him to come down to explain anything?—No.

Could Mr. Beaumont have explained anything if he had come down?—I could have explained it better than he could.

Is it a fact that when the Official Receiver required information he sent for you?—Yes.

And you gave him the fullest information and showed him all the books—all properly kept?—Yes.

Did the then Official Receiver ever suggest to you that he wanted Mr. Beaumont or that you should write and ask him to come back to Hongkong?—No.

When Mr. Beaumont left for Shanghai did Mr. Beaumont leave the bank's deposit receipts for \$5,000?—The Netherlands Bank had one and the Banque Industrielle had one.

He could have got the money, before the bankruptcy proceeding, by simply presenting these receipts?—Yes.

Did he also leave deposit receipts for 173,000 francs?—I believe part was unfortunately in the Banque Industrielle?—Yes.

Do you consider that at the time Mr. Beaumont left for Shanghai, the firm was insolvent?—I consider it was solvent.

Re-examined by Mr. Orme, Mr. Castro said that the fortune the defendant lost represented the profits of 1919. They were selling agents for the Government during 1919, and the profits they made were on commission. There was no gambling. The witness remembered that in August 1919 a Mr. Tsuka came to Hongkong from San Francisco and complained that Beaumont bought rice at a certain price and sold it at a higher figure, but said that Mr. Tsuka's complaint was really directed at the failure of the firm to ship rice to him which had been seized by the Hongkong Government.

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The matter was dropped on the Magistrate's suggestion.

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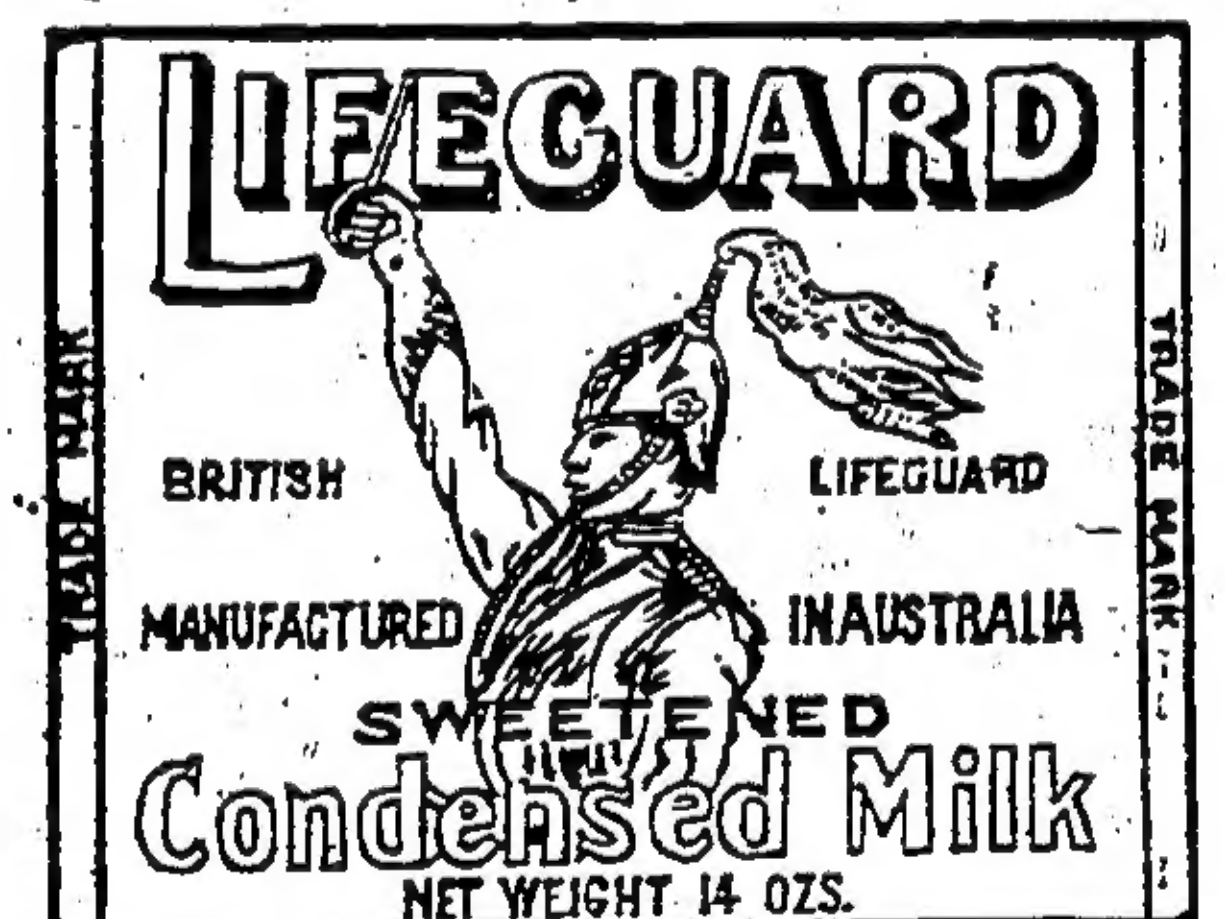
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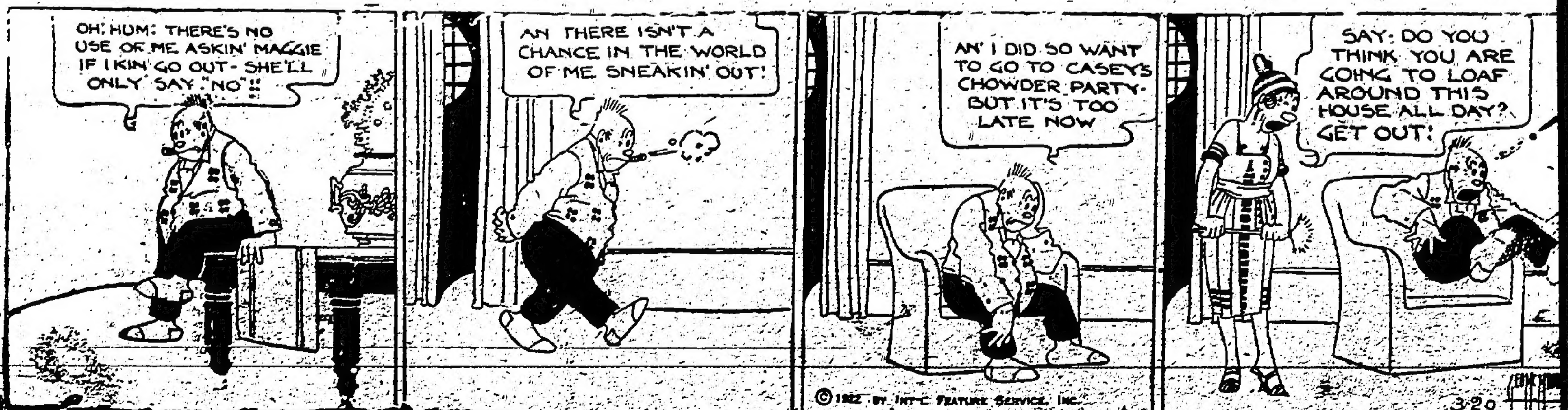
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